

**Draft Conceptual Storyboard for
Water Plan Update 2013 Regional Reports
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“CURRENT STATE OF THE REGION”

This region is unique in terms of geography, demographics, economics, and most importantly, in terms of water and flood management challenges and opportunities. Hence, solutions must be tailored to this particular region in order to effectively meet important resource management objectives. Here is a summary of how we are doing including recent policies, activities and legislation that touch water resources within this region.

Regional Report Section Title: *Regional Resource Management Conditions*

Notes:

- *This could have a “Progress Report” look and feel*

“RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES”

This is what we want our regional to look like in the future and here is our planning strategy for getting there. This region will leverage the State government resources, initiatives and objectives that are clearly laid out in this section. Included in this section are:

(1) Integrated regional water, water quality and flood management planning and implementation guidelines for receiving State assistance; (2) State IRWM Strategic Plan (under development) as it pertains to this region; (3) *Looking to the Future* – future scenarios and/or locally-derived expectations for their future; (4) summary of unmet local and regional resource management objectives

Regional Report Section Title: *Regional Water, Water Quality and Flood Planning and Management*

Notes:

- *“Looking to the future” will also include statewide resource management objectives, mandates, etc*

- *Projections and objectives stated in Urban Water Management Plans, Basin Plans, General Plans, regional growth plans, etc. should be folded into this section*

“HOW WE FIT IN TO THE STATEWIDE PICTURE”

This is how our region interacts, both historically and currently, with other regions. This includes imported water, conjunctive use programs, historical/planned transfers, flood management actions, and potential dependence/role in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and other interregional initiatives. If interregional water supply reliability and/or flood management enhancements do not occur, our region will be affected in the following ways.

Regional Report Section Title: *Relationships with Other Regions*

“WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT”

There are the primary types (*with some quantitative estimates of trade-offs where feasible*) of resource management strategies expected to be most available, effective, feasible and preferable within this region.

Regional Report Section Title: *Resource Management Strategies*

Notes:

- *Resource management strategies (RMSs) contained in Urban Water Management Plans, Integrated Regional Water Management Plans, etc. should be folded into this section*
- *Each regional report should include a list of available RMSs with quantitative and qualitative descriptions of trade-offs (where possible).*
- *If enough estimates are prepared, a statewide roll-up can occur.*
- *Consider using a shorter planning horizon for regional report RMSs.*
- *To increase emphasis on Regional RMSs, updated Statewide Resource Management Strategies (see Update 2009; Volume 2) may be published in a Reference Guide for Update 2013.*

“WHAT WE NEED TO BE DOING”

Here are several critical, actionable short and long term recommendations. They have evolved over more than 20 years of planning as well as an unprecedented level of collaboration with regional and local stakeholders and subject experts. If these recommendations (particularly the “No Excuse” recommendations) are not implemented in a timely manner, then this region (and by aggregation, California) will continue to face increasingly severe and frequent impacts and missed opportunities surrounding its treasured natural resources, vital economy and vibrant society.

Regional Report Section Title: *Implementation Recommendations*

Notes:

- *Recommendations should address matters such as improvements in planning processes, data needs, innovation, hedge-actions for long term uncertainty, adaptive management etc.*
- *“No Excuse” recommendations may address matters found to be most urgent such as finance, governance, “early” implementation RMSs, etc.*
- *For Update 2013, trade-offs of response packages will be quantified for portions of the Central Valley.*